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FAIR WARNING.

About the 1st of January we shall publish a list of delinquent subscribers to the Courier, and the names of each will be kept in our columns until the dues of each are paid. When the large list of our subscribers is taken into consideration it will be readily seen that it would be a laborious task to interview each of our delinquents in person, and we will adopt the method of publishing a list of those of our subscription patrons in arrears, both as a matter of convenience to them and to ourselves, and at which no honest man will take offense. If, in the mean time, any of our patrons wish to pay their subscription, they can tell exactly what they owe us, by referring to the label opposite their names, on the Couriers they receive each week. Arrears must be settled at the rate of \$1.50 per annum, and \$1 for the current year.

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To all Whom It May Concern, Greeting: As a committee appointed by the Young Men's Christian Association to bring before the Christian public its object, end and aim, we respectfully submit the following:

ITS OBJECT.

The young men of our country, our state, our county, our town. Forty years ago in London, Eng., a young man, George Williams, a dry goods clerk, witnessing daily the degradation of this large and influential class of society, determined to do something to save his fellow companions from ruin. Then, and there was organized in that large dry goods house the first Young Men's Christian Association. To-day its societies are found in every part of the world; numbering over 3,000, with a membership of 250,000. No grander motive ever moved the hearts, or touched the sympathies of men, than the salvation of young men in this world and the world to come. Such is the object of the Young Men's Christian Association. Young men, upon whose shoulders must fall the future of our country, its government, its business, its wonderful possibilities; young men "the most neglected and most neglected class" of our society. We would save them.

ITS END.

In the development of the physical, mental and spiritual character of the young man. To accomplish this much coveted end the Young Men's Christian Association provides buildings where young men may assemble. The rooms are furnished with every necessary comfort. In many of our buildings in the large cities gymnasiums and every appurtenance is supplied to accomplish its threefold end. But the attractive feature of every Young Men's Christian Association is its reading room—furnished with a library, the magazines, periodicals and daily papers, religious and secular—where young men may spend their evenings pleasantly. But its one end, its life, its power, its hope, its joy, its work, "its all and in all" is to lead young men to Christ. Its work will never be done, its end never accomplished until every young man is led to the feet of the young man of Galilee, Jesus Christ, the Righteous; for we know that in his character is embodied all that young men can be, and must be, either in this life or that which is to come. Its end, in a word, fathers and mothers, is to make your sons Christians. Its reading rooms, its prayer meetings, its gospel meetings, its gymnasiums, are but means converging to one end—to make young men God-like.

ITS AIM.

The high aim of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Keytesville, and none grander or nobler ever pulsated in the human heart, is to claim, ye win, the young men of Keytesville, of grand old Chariton, for Christ, "whose we are, and whom we serve." Young men we bid you welcome, a Godspeed to our rooms, our prayer meetings, our Saviour. We come before the Christian public with this our object, our end, our aim. We ask your sympathy, your prayers, your aid in the accomplishment of this common purpose of a common Christianity. All over our country, men of means, of wealth are coming to the young men's help, are raising buildings and dedicating them to this glorious work—monuments to their goodness, their greatness, their love for God, their love for young men. We pray God may raise up from among us a George Peabody, to embody his name in the hearts and memory of the young men of our rising generation.

AND

We have stated briefly the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. We need a building of our own to push forward this happy work—our aim for all time to come. Is there not among us one man, or set

of men, with hearts full of love to God, and love for the salvation of young men to give us this building? We mean business. We want money; money to fit up; money to carry on this blessed work to a full fruition of our prayerful hopes. Fathers, we write unto you in the name of your sons. Mothers, we write you in the name of your boys. Young men, we write unto you in the name of Christ who loved you. Come and help us. Respectfully Submitted, T. S. SMITH, T. J. MARTIN, J. C. MILLER, J. W. KELTNER. Contributions will be received by Frank White, Secretary, H. H. Miller, Treasurer, or any member of this Committee.

OVERWORK.

In all of the rushing, go-ahead industries of this country, none contain more overworked officials than the railroad service. Mr. H. M. Hoxie, "died in the harness," a great railway manager, but weighed down with the responsibility of 5,000 miles of railroad, with 18,000 or more employees.

S. S. Merrill, who commenced as a conductor of a construction train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul system, and worked his way up until he was general manager, toiled until the road had over 5,000 miles of mileage, then his health gave away, and during the last year of his official career he visited his office only once.

Mr. W. B. Strong, the presiding genius of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road, is still in office, but with health so shattered that, it is said, he lately remarked that he would gladly exchange his present powerful position for that of station agent of the Northwestern railway at Janesville, Wis., his first position in early life, provided he could regain his health.

Capt. C. W. Rogers, only a few years since, was a model of fine physical manhood. He built the San Francisco road to its present flourishing condition; but just at the time his reputation as a successful manager had reached its height, and as rumor has it, he was offered by another powerful organization a salary equal to that of the president of the United States to enter their service, his declining health warned him that he must halt and seek rest.

Col. Talmage and J. C. Gault, both first-class managers and hard workers, seem to have acquired the secret of accomplishing a vast amount of work, and yet retain their health—but they are notable exceptions. The old managers are overworked, and as they plainly express it, "railroad headache" is a common complaint among them. Wealth and fame are often within their reach; but, at the risk of sacrificing health, are they worth striving for?—Missouri Republican.

TEACH YOUR DAUGHTERS. That 100 cents make a dollar. To arrange the parlor and library. To make the neatest room in the house.

To cultivate flowers, and to keep the kitchen garden. How to wear a calico dress and wear it like a queen.

How to sew on buttons, darn stockings and mend gloves.

To say "No" and mean it or "Yes" and stick to it.

To dress for health and comfort as well as for appearance.

That tight lacing is unbecomingly as well as injurious to health.

To have nothing to do with intemperance or dissolute young men.

To regard the morals and habits, and not money, in selecting her associates.

To observe the old rule: "A place for everything, and everything in its place."

That music and paintings are real accomplishments in the home, and are not to be neglected if there be time and money for their use.

The important truism: "That the more she saves within her income, the more she will have, and the further she will get away from the poorhouse."

That a good, steady, church-going mechanic, farmer, clerk or teacher without a cent is worth more than forty loafers or non-producers in broadcloth.

To embrace every opportunity for reading and selecting such books as will give her the most useful and practical information in order to make the best progress in earlier as well as later home and school life.

An example of women's ways is furnished by a paragraph in a Pittsburg paper. Two coal miners, who each aspired to the affections of a maiden in Connellville, Pa., decided to resort to the wager of battle to decide the suit. After the brutes had fought it out with their fists the victor presented himself to the fair cause of the affray. Woman like, she turned her back on him, and is now engaged in nursing the defeated champion, with the intention of marrying him as soon as he recovers sufficient beauty.

A Camden young man escorted a young lady to the opera the other evening. As they were coming out he remarked by way of opening a conversation: "Do you like the weather so cold and raw?" "Yes," she said, "I like 'em raw, but," she continued, looking sweetly into his eyes, "don't you think 'they are a great deal nicer tried?" They took 'em tried.

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A young man by the name of Wm. Smith was arrested a few days since at Shelby on a charge of sending indecent letters through the mail. The letters in question were sent to a young lady and fell into the hands of Vice. Smith claims the letters were given to an individual who promised to deliver them in person, the promise was not complied with and the letters were sent through the mail with results as above stated.

All good breeders make it a point to test the capacity of their cows, and do not depend upon color marks or other outward indications. If dairy-men would pursue the same plan they would soon weed out the unprofitable stock, and in a few years the whole herd would improve and the average yield be increased.

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